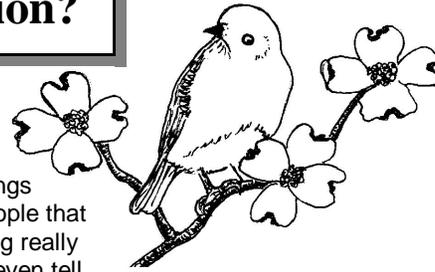


Why Get Involved With Bluebird Conservation?

BLUEBIRDS BRING US JOY

Every spring the beautiful bluebird sets out in search of that 'perfect place' to raise their families while bluebird lovers, with a longing in their heart, anxiously wait to see blue wings flashing in the sunlight and to hear the soft, liquid warble of their voice. Why? Most people that have ever been in close proximity of a bluebird will smile and say, "there's just something really special about bluebirds, something that just touches you deep down inside." Many will even tell you that they find it impossible to feel sad when bluebirds are around. Indeed, there must really be something to that because the bluebird is actually the *international* symbol of happiness. Simply put, when a bluebird lands in your yard, joy does too. The Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania (BSP) is committed to sharing the joy of bluebirds, one nest box at a time.



BLUEBIRDS STILL NEED YOUR HELP

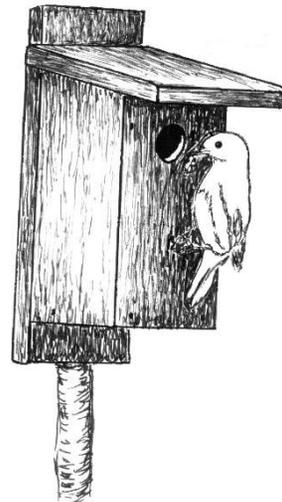
In the mid 1800's the House Sparrow was introduced from Europe followed by the European Starling several years later. They have become so successful that they are now two of the most common birds in North America. These two extremely aggressive, non-native species frequently force bluebirds (and other native cavity nesting birds) out of their homes, often killing them and their offspring. Things got so bad for bluebirds between 1920-1970, it is estimated that bluebird populations decreased by 90%, but, through the research and conservation efforts done by caring individuals, they made a comeback. Unfortunately, the very things that imperiled them years ago still threaten them today. Bluebird nesting habitat is being depleted as people continue to clear land making way for houses, shopping malls, highways, industrial complexes, and large scale agriculture. Pesticides used on lawns and in agriculture kill insects, the bluebird's main source of food. Also, the non-native house sparrows and starlings continue to flourish and still threaten our native birds.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

How? By your placing a well-built nest box in appropriate habitat and monitoring it from time to time to see how the bluebirds are doing and also by making sure that *only* native birds use the nest boxes you put up. No, the bluebirds won't mind that you check in on them from time to time as long as you follow certain guidelines. In fact, monitoring your box is the key factor in ensuring that bluebirds will still be around for future generations to enjoy. It's also a wonderful experience that you can share with your family and friends and we are here to help you, every step of the way.

As a BSP member, you'll receive our exclusive 29 page book, ***Everything You Need to Know About Bluebirds ... and More***, (it truly lives up to its title) and the BSP newsletter, ***Bluebird Trails & Tales***, which will keep you up to date with the latest bluebird news and events, interesting articles, and much more. You will also have free access to experienced bluebirders across the state who can provide you with one-on-one advice and support. There's a BSP County Coordinator in almost every county in PA.

Monitoring your nest box will allow you to witness the miracle of life as it unfolds inside the nest box, from the building of the nest, eggs being laid and hatched, and if you're lucky, you may even get to see a young bluebird take its first flight. So, are you ready to experience some of that bluebird joy? We are here to help so please join us today.



Volunteers Welcomed

As with many non-profit organizations, we rely on a core group of volunteers. Although we'll never hassle or bug you about volunteering, we would love to have you share your talents and interests with the BSP. Below is a list of areas where we need assistance and if you have a special talent or interest that's not listed below, we welcome that too. Volunteer today and become involved in a wonderful organization of people from all walks of life having the same passion and concerns about native cavity nesting birds by working together to make the BSP the best that it can be. **If you would like to volunteer now or in the future, please tell us by checking the area/s below.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork / Illustrations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Create Publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Monitoring | |

- Provide Computer or Technical Support
 Help Create/Monitor a nest box trail for BSP

Assist with community events such as:

- Annual Farm Show (January)
 Garden Booth @ Farm Show (March)
 BSP Annual State Conference (April)
 Tech Support @ Annual State Conference (April)
 Ned Smith Day @ Millersburg (July)



Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania Membership Information

Membership Dues:	1 yr.	3 yr.
Student (18 & under)	\$10.00	\$25.00
Senior (65 & older)	\$12.00	\$30.00
Regular / Family	\$15.00	\$40.00
Group or Organization . .	\$100.00	\$275.00
Lifetime Membership	\$375.00	

Total amount of dues enclosed: _____

Additional supporting donations are always gratefully accepted, sincerely appreciated, and are tax deductible. If making an additional donation please note the amount here: _____

Please make check / money order payable to:
Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania
P.O. Box 12
Exton, PA 19341

Name: _____

Address: _____

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County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Have you received your Membership Benefits Package?
___ Yes ___ No

How would you like to receive our newsletter? (select one)

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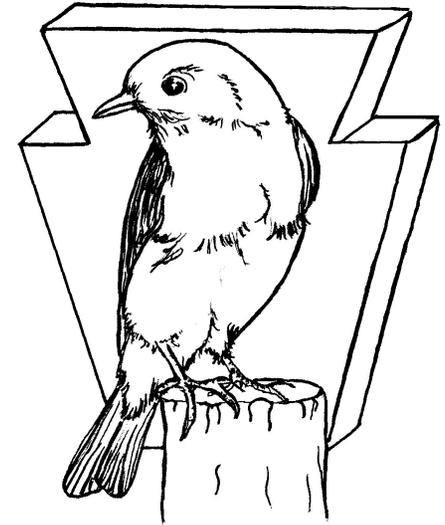
Your Membership Benefits

- ◆ **Membership Card**
- ◆ **Bluebird Trails & Tales** – BSP's newsletter (published 3 times a year) offers great articles, expert advice, opportunities to share your stories and expertise, and keeps you informed about all the latest news and events. You can help BSP cut costs and 'save some trees' by selecting the email option on this form or have the paper version delivered by regular mail.
- ◆ **Everything You Need to Know About Bluebirds ... and Much More.** This book contains plans for building nest boxes, a mealworm feeder, and predator guards, tips on bird landscaping, a trouble shooting guide, monitoring forms and tips, and, well, much more! Attractively illustrated, well researched and written, this 29 page book will educate and inspire you. A BSP exclusive, yours FREE.
- ◆ **County Coordinator Listing** – Volunteers who answer your questions are just a phone call or email away. Some even make house calls.
- ◆ **Annual Nest Box Report / Survey** ◆
- ◆ **Opportunities to Help Bluebirds & the Environment**

BSP Statements of Purpose

- ◆ To take all actions deemed by BSP to be beneficial to the protection, enjoyment, and propagation of the Eastern Bluebird and other native cavity nesting species in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.
- ◆ Provide and promote educational activities relating to bluebirds, birding, conservation, and related subjects.
- ◆ Monitor and conduct research relating to bluebirds, other cavity nesting birds, food sources, habitats, and trails.
- ◆ Build, maintain, and monitor bluebird boxes and trails.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for people to become involved in efforts that assist bluebirds and other native bird species.
- ◆ Provide social opportunities to share information and experiences relating to bluebirds and related conservation topics.

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